

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as shown in the Listing of Claims below. This Listing of Claims will replace prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-36 (canceled)

37. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:  
a reading-out unit to read out continuous ~~plural~~still images having a specific order from a recording medium;  
a trimming area determination unit adapted to determine trimming areas of a first image and a second image from continuous ~~plural~~still images read out by the reading-out unit;  
a trimming area calculation unit adapted to calculate a trimming area based on positions and/or sizes of the trimming areas of the first image and the second image determined by the trimming area determination unit, with respect to each image of which its order is between the first image and the second image among the continuous ~~plural~~still images, wherein a position and/or a size of the trimming area of each image of which its order is between the first image and the second image are different from the positions and/or sizes of the trimming areas of the first image and the second image determined by the trimming area determination unit, the trimming area of each image of which its order is between the first image and the second image being a part of an entire area in which each image is recorded; and  
a generating unit adapted to generate a visual effect by generating succeeding images by using images cut out with the trimming area determined by the trimming area determination unit and images cut out with the trimming area calculated by the trimming area calculation unit.

38. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 37, further comprising an output control unit adapted to control output of the succeeding images generated by the generating unit.

39. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 38, wherein the output control unit is adapted to control display of the succeeding images generated by the generating unit.

40. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 38, wherein the output control unit is adapted to control print out of the succeeding images generated by the generating unit.

41. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 40, further comprising a recording unit adapted to record the images output by the output control unit.

42. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 40, wherein the trimming area calculation unit is adapted to calculate trimming areas of each of remaining continuous ~~plural~~still images, the remaining continuous ~~plural~~still images being other than the first image and the second image in which trimming areas have been determined by the trimming area determination unit, so as to gradually change from the trimming area of the first image to the trimming area of the second image.

43. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 40, wherein the trimming area calculation unit is adapted to calculate a position and/or a size of trimming areas of each of remaining continuous ~~plural~~still images, the remaining continuous ~~plural~~still images being other than the first image and the second image in which trimming areas have been determined by the trimming area determination unit, so as to proportionally change from the trimming area of the first image to the trimming area of the second image.

44. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 40, wherein the trimming area calculation unit is adapted to calculate a position and/or a size of trimming areas of each of remaining continuous ~~plural~~still images, the remaining continuous ~~plural~~still images being other than the first image and the second image in which trimming areas have been determined by the trimming area determination unit, so as to non-proportionally change from the trimming area of the first image to the trimming area of the second image.

45. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 40, wherein the output control unit is adapted to switch and output the succeeding images generated by the generating unit in the appearance order.

46. (canceled)

47. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 45, wherein the output control unit is adapted to switch and display the succeeding images generated by the generating unit at a predetermined time interval.

48. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 47, wherein the predetermined time interval is based on a user's instruction.

49. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 47, further comprising:

a setting unit adapted to set a time required to display from the start to the end of the succeeding images generated by the generating unit,

wherein the predetermined time interval is based on the time set by the setting unit.

50. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 47, wherein the predetermined time interval is variable in accordance with movement of a cursor using a pointing device.

51. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 40, further comprising:

an extracting unit adapted to extract a predetermined number of images from the continuous ~~plural~~still images,

wherein the trimming area calculation unit is adapted to calculate the area cut out based on the trimming area determined by the trimming area determination unit regarding each of the continuous ~~plural~~still images.

52. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 51,

wherein the extracting unit is adapted to extract the image from the continuous ~~plural~~still images with respect to each predetermined number of images.

53. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 38, further comprising a recording unit adapted to record the image output by the output control unit.

54. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 38, wherein the output control unit is adapted to switch and output the succeeding images generated by the generating unit in appearance order.

55. (canceled)

56. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 54, wherein the output control unit is adapted to switch and display the

succeeding images generated by the generating unit at a predetermined time interval.

57. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 56, wherein the predetermined time interval is based on a user's instruction.

58. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 56, further comprising:

a setting unit adapted to set a time required to display from the start to the end of the succeeding images generated by the generating unit,

wherein the predetermined time interval is based on the time set by the setting unit.

59. (previously presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 56, wherein the predetermined time interval is variable in accordance with movement of a cursor using a pointing device.

60. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 37, wherein the trimming area calculation unit is adapted to calculate trimming areas of each of remaining continuous ~~plural~~still images, the remaining ~~plural~~still images being other than the first image and the second image in which trimming areas have been determined by the trimming area determination unit, so as to gradually change from the trimming area of the first image to the trimming area of the second image.

61. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 37,

wherein the trimming area calculation unit is adapted to calculate a position and/or a size of trimming areas of each of remaining continuous ~~plural~~still images, the remaining ~~plural~~still images being other than the first image

and the second image in which trimming areas have been determined by the trimming area determination unit, so as to proportionally change from the trimming area of the first image to the trimming area of the second image.

62. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 37, wherein the trimming area calculation unit is adapted to calculate a position and/or a size of trimming areas of each of remaining continuous ~~plural~~still images, the remaining ~~plural~~still images being other than the first image and the second image in which trimming areas have been determined by the trimming area determination unit, so as to non-proportionally change from the trimming area of the first image to the trimming area of the second image.

63. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 37, further comprising:

an extracting unit adapted to extract a predetermined number of images from the continuous ~~plural~~still images,

wherein the trimming area calculation unit is adapted to calculate the area cut out based on the trimming area determined by the trimming area determination unit regarding each of the continuous ~~plural~~still images.

64. (currently amended) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 63, wherein the extracting unit is adapted to extract the image from the continuous ~~plural~~still images with respect to each predetermined number of images.

65. (currently amended) A method for controlling an image processing apparatus, the method comprising:

a reading-out step of reading out continuous ~~plural~~still images having a specific order from a recording medium;

a trimming area determination step of determining trimming areas of a first image and a second image from continuous ~~plural~~still images read out in the

reading-out step;

a trimming area calculation step of calculating a trimming area based on positions and/or sizes of the trimming areas of the first image and the second image determined by the trimming area determination step, with respect to each image of which its order is between the first image and the second image among the ~~plural~~still continuous images, wherein a position and/or a size of the trimming area of each image of which its order is between the first image and the second image are different from the positions and/or sizes of the trimming areas of the first image and the second image determined in the trimming area determination step, the trimming area of each image of which its order is between the first image and the second image being part of an entire area in which each image is recorded; and

a generating step of generating a visual effect by generating succeeding images by using images cut out with the trimming area determined in the trimming area determination step and images cut out with the trimming area calculated in the trimming area calculation step.

66. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium having a stored computer program in a storage medium for controlling an image processing comprising:

computer-executable instructions for reading out continuous ~~plural~~still images having a specific order from a recording medium;

computer-executable instructions for determining trimming areas of a first image and a second image from continuous ~~plural~~still images read out;

computer-executable instructions for calculating a trimming area based on positions and/or sizes of the trimming areas of the determined first image and the determined second image, with respect to each image of which its order is between the first image and the second image among the continuous ~~plural~~still images, wherein a position and/or a size of the trimming area of each image of which its order is between the first image and the second image are different from the positions and/or sizes of the trimming areas of the determined first

image and the determined second image, the trimming area of each image of which its order is between the first image and the second image being a part of an entire area in which each image is recorded; and

computer-executable instructions for generating a visual effect by generating succeeding images by using images cut out with the trimming areas of the first and second images and the trimming areas of each image of which its order is between the first image and the second image.

67. (new) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 37, wherein the visual effect is a zoom effect.

68. (new) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 37, wherein the visual effect is a pan effect.